REMARKS

Applicants respectfully disagree with the current Office Action finally rejecting all pending claims, claims 1, 4, 6-7, 9, 12, 14-15, 17, 20, 22-23, 25, 28, 30-31, and 33-48, of the present application. Applicants hereby file a notice of appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due or credit any overages. If an extension is required, Applicants hereby request such extension.

Respectfully Submitted,

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